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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, NP

SUBJECT: CORONATION: KING BIRENDRA

REFERENCE: KATHMANDU 2013

1. NEPALESE FIRST SECRETARY RIMAL CALLED ON ACTING COUNTRY DIRECTOR KUX MAY 16 FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF CORONATION PLANS. RIMAL ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR KHANAL WITH ACTING SECRETARY RUSH TO DISCUSS MATTER MORE FORMALLY. LORTON SAT IN.

2. PAPER (TEXT POUCHED) LEFT WITH NEA/INS BY RIMAL ADVISES US GON PLANS INVITE PRESIDENT, AND IF HE UNABLE ATTEND, URGES HE SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AMBASSADOR'S OR HIGHER RANK. REFERENCE IS MADE TO NUMBER OF ROOMS WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED DEPENDING ON RANK OF HEAD OF DELEGATION BUT NO MENTION OF SPECIFIC NUMBER OF PEOPLE. DELEGATION WILL BE CONSIDERED GUESTS OF GON FROM FEBRUARY 22 TO 26.

3. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, RIMAL NOTED GON HOPES FOR
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HIGH-LEVEL U.S. REPRESENTATION AS SIGN OF U.S.

INTEREST IN NEPAL.

HE SAID HEADS OF STATE OF ALL
COUNTRIES WITH WHICH NEPAL HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AS
WELL AS SOME WHO ARE CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY
TOWARD NEPAL BUT WITH WHOM THERE ARE NO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC
TIES, WILL BE INVITED.

4. WE ALSO HAVE OUTSTANDING FIRST PERSON NOTE DATED
MAY 9 FROM AMBASSADOR KHANAL TO SECRETARY OFFICIALLY
INFORMING US OF DATE OF CORONATION.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HELD
HERE. RUSH

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